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1. 18 Soviet naval units consisting of 12 destroyers and 6 minelayers arrived at Gdynia and anchored in the Oksywie naval port in the former basin of the Polish Naval Shipyard. 25X1
2. Observation of these units was carried out two times while sailing past at a distance of approximately 500 meters. 25X1
3. The following observations were made on these two occasions:
- Destroyers
- a. The destroyers lay alongside the southern quay in four groups of three units abreast. In size, they were similar to the ORP BLYSKAWICA. They had two funnels, sloping aft, the stern very slanting.
- b. Armament of the destroyers consisted of: in the bow, two guns in the lower turret and two guns in the upper turret; amidships, one torpedo tube on each side of the ship between the funnels; astern, one turret with two guns.
- Minelayers
- a. The minelayers lay alongside the northern quay. They had one straight funnel, transom stern.
- b. One gun protected by a gun shield was seen in the bow. Armament in the stern could not be seen because of the distance and the blocking of the view by other ships.
4. All Polish ships were removed from the basin in which the Soviet ships were anchored.
5. During the first few days the crews did not go ashore. After a week, however, small groups in mufti were allowed ashore to visit the town.

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6. It is being said in Polish naval circles that three more squadrons of Soviet destroyers are due to arrive shortly in Gdynia and that, in this connection, part of the Polish naval shore units are to be moved from Oksywie to Ustka.
7. The arrival of the Soviet naval units at Gdynia gave rise to numerous rumors among the civilians, the most widespread of which were as follows:
 - a. In the spring of 1955 the Soviets will start war with the Western powers and Gdynia will become one of the bases of the Soviet Baltic Fleet.
 - b. Gdynia is to become a Soviet port and the Polish Navy and Merchant Marine are to sail under the Soviet flag.
 - c. In connection with the dismissal of Stanislaw Radkiewicz, who "has been taken to the bears" (sent to Siberia), Boleslaw Bierut's position is in jeopardy and he, too, is due for liquidation. The Soviets, fearing trouble in Poland should Bierut be liquidated, have sent part of their Baltic Fleet as a warning to the Polish people.

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